

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

A5 3. ~~4.~~ (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the medical device comprises in bulk formula 5 to 50 percent by weight of one or more silicone macromonomers and 5 to 50 percent by weight of a hydrophilic monomer.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

A6 6. ~~7.~~ (amended) A method for improving the wettability of a medical device, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a medical device formed from a monomer mixture comprising a hydrophilic monomer and a silicone-containing monomer, wherein said medical device has not been subjected to a surface oxidation treatment;

(b) contacting a surface of the medical device with a solution comprising a wetting agent selected from the group consisting of polymers or copolymers of (meth)acrylic acid, whereby the wetting agent forms a complex with the hydrophilic monomer on the surface of the medical device in the absence of a surface oxidation treatment step and without the addition of a coupling agent.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

A7 7. ~~8.~~ (amended) The method of claim <sup>6</sup>~~7~~, wherein the medical device comprises in bulk formula 5 to 50 percent by weight of one or more silicone macromonomers and 5 to 50 percent by weight of a hydrophilic monomer.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

10. ~~12.~~ (amended) The method of claim <sup>6</sup>~~7~~ wherein said polymer or copolymer of (meth)acrylic acid is characterized by acid content of at least about 40 mole percent .

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

A8 11. <sup>10</sup>~~12~~ <sup>10</sup>~~13.~~ (amended) The method of claim <sup>10</sup>~~12~~ wherein said polymer is characterized by acid content of at least about 50 mole percent.

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

~~16/19~~ (amended) A method for improving the wettability of a medical device comprising the steps of:

a9 (a) providing a medical device formed from a monomer mixture comprising a silicone-containing monomer and at least one hydrophilic monomer selected from the group consisting of N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and N,N-dimethylacrylamide, wherein said medical device has not been subjected to a surface oxidation treatment; and

(b) contacting a surface of the medical device with a solution comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of poly(acrylic acid) and poly(acrylic acid-co-acrylamide).